A UNIQUE INSTITUTION.

It Is Likened to "a Spoonful of Milk in an Ocean of Ink."

[Special-Correspondence.] New York, Aug. 4.—A spoonful of milk In an ocean of ink. One cannot help feeling that that is what the girls' college settlement away down on Rivington street, in the heart of the cust side, is like.

One must admire the sublime courage,

the firm faith and the wonderful petience of the little group of young women who are engaged in it, but—it all seems so hopeless! The amount of their effort is that three or four young women have taken a bouse down in the region of parrow streets and

tall tenements from which they are patiently-trying to teach the poor and the wretched how to live, and how to put more comfort and more happiness into their

Three brave, winsome girls, two pleasant rooms, a sea of hopeiess poverty, hun-dreds of saloons, unimaginable wretchedness, ignorance and vice.

The methods they are employing are much the same as those which have been tested aiready in east side philanthropic work by the Neighborhood guild, a settlement of college men on Forsyth street, a few blocks away. Both endesvors are modeled, as nearly as their limited means allow, after the famous Toynbee hall, of n, the original of Robert Elsmere's East End achievements.

The young women went quietly to work, saying as little as possible about the philthropic side of their endeavor, and trying meraly to establish themselves in the neighborhood they had chosen and make acquaintance among its women and chil-They were just a little household, the members of which went out every day and earned their own living, and in the evening were glad to meet in their own pleasant rooms the people around them who wanted to have somewhere to go. They began their experiment the first of last October, and now they have formed several little clubs which meet at their are maidens of such few charms and so house. The children sing and play games, and have pretty stories read to them, and are taid how to take care of themselves, and all enjoy the little talks immensely. The women's meetings are made bright and pleasant and interesting, as well as in-They learn how to take better care of their bables; how to look after the corridors of the treasury department, for welfare of their older children a little more closely; how to make their homes morawages their husbands earn. But the young women try particularly to put into the se poverty stricken people a little more brightness and interest, and so the country. As a matter of fact," this give them some heart to attempt to struggle upward.

The little girls learn to sew, and are encouraged to bestow a little care upon their personal appearance, an example that soon affects their mothers also. The young women have fitted up in their basement some bot baths, which a piscard over the area dren, at five cents such-for it is one of the principles of the settlement not to give The young women think they will do more good by encouraging a feeling of independence and self reliance than by any amount of giving. It is char-



SCENE ON RIVINGTON STREET, NEW YORK. acter they wish to influence rather than society was inclined to turn up its nose at immediate material surroundings. They aim to develop self respect, and to show those whom they are able to reach how to her sweet, dignified way, saking no favors satisfy the promptings of their new spirit, of any one, and now she is one of the most

This same principle of "no charity" is popular women of the Hoosier capital. characteristic of all the recent philanby the Neighborhood guild even more rigid- ment beauty to turn out well," concluded ly than by the Elvington street settlement. The guild has a membership fee for each rical entertainments and amusement even-ings, and is almost self supporting. It get a divorce, but in the long run I am has been in existence about three years, and has grown so flourishing that it lately moved into larger and more commodious quarters. Both Miss Fine and Miss Robins, the leading spirits in the girls' settlement, assisted in the work of the guild almost from its start, and although they call their own work "an experiment too young to furnish any proof as to whether or not it will succeed" they have seen their prin- ton, next to Mattie Mitchell, the queen of ciples and methods already put to the test.

The house in which the young women clerk. There is Mrs. Senator Davis, herhave started their settlement is an old fashtoned three story brick, with a short flight the social season a beyy of the prettiest of stone stops leading up to the front door, girls to be found in the capital. Many of away do n on Rivington street. Near by streets are supposed to hive some of the ne nice and sweet and well behaved as if retchedest poverty and most hopeless vice they were the daughters of millionaires. to be found in this whole big city. But the (in) out to the country club house, or the region directly around their place is comparalively decent, and if it were tried by ful drives which surround Washington, Mulberry Bend standards would doubtless and you will see the department girl at be pronounced wealthy and aristocratic. its people are quite as poor and as and quartets, with senstors, members of wretched as any ordinary philanthropist congress and promising and important

The double parlors, which occupy nearly girl is always good company, vivacious, the whole of the first floor, are the meeting not too predish, and with wit native or rooms of the several classes and clubs which have already been formed. They are furnished very plainly but comfortably she catches a good husband with wooden obairs and rockers of antique eak, a lounge, a table or two covered with more given to driving and rising than the books and papers and a piaco. A bright capital. In these sultry days the charmfire sparkles in the grate, and the space on ing country roads are the resort of thoueach side of it the length of the room is fitted up with bookshelves, crowded with asphalt pavements begin giving off the ac-books, and covered with dark red cur-cumulated heat of the day. All round the There are large rugs on the floor city are beautiful roads, hard, not often andipretty Madras curtains at the windows.

Miss Fine, who is the head of the settle-ment, is a school teacher. She looks less even in driving. As soon as the Clevethan 25 years old, is tall and slender, has lands had bought and compled the Red blonds hair and blus eyes, a pretty complexion and a winning, whole hearted manner. One would scarcely expect a woman. The Weodley road therefore became of her youth and quiet, winsome appear- prime favorite, and such it has remained ance to possess the large ideals, calm cour to this day. It is one of the drives which age and unwearied patience and persistence necessary even to start such an enterprise just as he must go to Mount Vernon and Miss Robbins, her chief assistant, is studying medicine. Each one of the young women has some occupation by which she carns her living, and so makes park, and where old trees overhang the the people around her feel that she is one path and the way winds in and out of dells with them rather than somebody outside and groves and past bandsome suburban and above their interests.

When Baby was nick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, site gave them Castoria,

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WISE OLD UNCLE SAM HAS MANY PRETTY HELPERS.

The Women Who Work for the Government at Washington Are Both Good Looking and Good-Something About the Drives Near the Capital City.

good to walk through the great buildings

women who know how to take care of

themselves, qualified to assume almost any

responsibility in life. Some of these

many years that they will never marry, but I challenge you to find a greater num-

show you in the treasury or the interior

department, or any other of our big hives

of governmental industry. Step into the

instance, at luncheon time, and note the

flowers, too, indicative of home life and of

number of our department people are

acquiring little homes of their own. They

are saving from their meager salaries, and

the hours which they are required to keep

at their work, 9 in the morning till 4 in the

afternoon, give them abundant leisure for

married and gone away to Europe with

Mrs. Parsons, one of the prettiest women

of the census bureau. Mr. Jones has made a great success of his paper. He came

torth from Florida a few years ago, and

has won both fame and fortune. I hear

that some of his friends here, senstors and

nembers of the house, endeavored to dis-

stude him from marrying Mrs. Parsons

because she was a department woman.

They thought she was not good enough

for him, did not have a social station equal

to his. As a woman who admires the de

partment girls and believes in them I am glad Col. Jones was not influenced by his

riends. I well remember when Sanator

McDonald, of Indiana, married a clerk in

one of the departments. His friends made an effort to interfere, just as Col. Jones

friends did. But I'll venture that Mr. Mc.

Donald has never been sorry that he put

all the advice of his would be friends be-

hind him. Mrs. McDonald was and still

is one of the lovellest women in America.

I visited her not long ago in her Indianapo-

Mrs. McDonald because she had been a

department clerk, bat she went along in

"Of course you cannot expect every mar-

riage of a prominent man with a depart-

my lady, "for human nature is human

nature wherever you find it. Once in a

while there will be a case like that of ex-

willing to back the department girl for

beauty and character and womanliness

For my part, I am glad always to see

try. Therefore it is a pleasure to see the

has praised so highly, catching on. The

loveliest women I have seen in Washing-

beauty, is Bose Alexander, a department

self once a milliner, who has about her in

them are from the departments, and just

new Glen Echo cafe, or along the delight-

and you will see the department girl at

her best. She is out, singly, by couples

men in general as escort. The department

acquired by contact with the world. And

she is nearly slways a lady. No wonder

Probably there is no city in the country

sands when the san is setting and the

dusty, well kent and very, very popular

Top cottage every one in Washington was

seized with a desire to drive out that way

every visitor to the city is expected to take

the valley of Rock creek, where the cov

ernment is going to create a great national

park, and where old trees overhang the

villas. One may go out by a military road constructed by Gen. Grant during the war, a narrow path through the woods, but safe

enough even in the night. This road leads by the famous airy easile, the queer house

which Department Clerk Haywood build

ical gentleman has contrived to make his

up in the trees. This eccentric but prac-

strange dwelling place each him a snug

little income. One must pay twenty-five cents to climb the stairs which lead to the

restibule of airy castle, or to the dancing

platform, thirty feet feet above the ground,

up the monument.

The road lies through

department girl, whom my society friend

ranks in this democratic coun-

against all comers."

lage which is now a part of Washington, but which was a thriving city long before Washington had been conceived in the brain of the Father of His Country. This [Special Correspondence.] route, which is traversed nightly by hun-Washingron, Aug. 11.—The wife of a prominent official, who has had much exdreds and sometimes by thousands of car-riages, leads by several landmarks which all strangers insist upon seeing. These are the Shoreham hotel, owned by Vice Presiperience in Washington society, where one sees all sorts of people, said to me the other day: "The brightest and most interesting women in Weshington are the department dent Morton; the ruins of the house in which the wife and daughter of Secretary I have often thought that if I were Tracy lost their lives; the Church of the Covetient, the presidential church, the a man, and were going to pick out a wife, I would went one of these women who have worked for a few years for Uncle British and Chinese legations, the Hearst mansion, the chateau of Senator Sawyer Sam. They are women whose characters have become settled, who are practical and the eld cemetery in Georgetown in which repose the remains of so many notabies. Arriving at Oak View the visitor is a little surprised to find that the famous without being sordid, and whose minds have some solid, enduring cultivation. villa in which Mrs. Cleveland passed her honeymoon is not very much of a house Contrast these working women with the mere devotees of society, the idle women who are supported by their husbands in such laxury that even common household after all, and that it has been plowed and gouged all round by the workmen who are cares are not theirs, and it is the working creating a new suburban town. Here and woman who profits by the comparison. To there along the read the strangers and the my mind the face of a society woman in throngs of pretty department girls out time begins to reflect her mode of life. It driving with their admirers see big signs lacks character, repose, definiteness of ex-pression, becomes doll-like and dull. The department woman has rubbed enough CLEVELAND HEIGHTS. against the world to have the silliness Former Suburban Residence of taken out of her. She is no longer romantic GROVER CLEVELAND, foolishly sentimental. At the same time she Ex-President of the United States. preserves all her refinement and womanly LOTS FOR SALE. oftness for the work is not hard and the associations are pleasant. To my notion the departments in Washington make theideal place for a woman to work in. It does me

The next popular drive in the environs of Washington is the road which leads to Glen Echo, the villa town in which the ladies of President Harrison's household and see such a large number of bright and have bought lots. This is about seven miles happy young women earning their own living and helping their families along. up the Potomec, and the road skirts that picturesque stream all the way. As yet there is nothing at Gien Echo but a hotel, They dress well, behave well and look like a novel sort of structure made entirely of cedar, in rustic style. Here a dinner is served every evening, both in a large dining hall overlooking the river and in a number women are old, and not a few of them of private dining rooms, each a little pa-goda of rough cedar logs. Hundreds of gentlemen and ladies drive out there in the ber of really pretty women out of a like number in any walk of life than I can cool of the evening, and here again the department girl is seen at her best. A popular conveyance is the big tally-ho which carries passengers for a dollar spiece, with the music of the horn thrown in, and this tally-ho gives us the best of evidence of the democratic nature of our people and their customs. Sitting on top of this swaggerwomen who pass you by. Nearly all are simply but sweetly dressed, and make a ing vehicle, bowling over the country as fast as six spirited horses can draw it, I kaleidoscope of preity pictures in their light summer fabrics. Nearly all wear have seen senators and their wives side by side with young men and young women who earn \$1,400 or \$1,600 a year as clerks in observing society women went on, "a large the treasury or interior department. The potent chairman of a congressional commoving out to the suburbs of the city and mittee invites for a ride on the tally-ho and a little dinner at the Gien Echo cafe, which the Harrisons have made so famous, a pretty department girl who, perchance, is from his state. He finds that he has for a neighbor in the cross country ride the clerk going and coming.
"Whenever I hear of a man picking a wife from the department I feel like conof his committee, who, as like as not, has as guest for the evening the daughter of a cabinet officer or senator. And they all gratulating him. Now there is Mr. Jones, of The St. Louis Regublic. He has just have a good time together, and we realize that this is a republic of equality, and that love and the thirst for pleasure make all

the world kin. Next to the roads which an ex-president and a president's family have popularized the one most in favor is that which leads to Arlington cemetery. It is most patronized by elderly people, and it is no uncommon thing to see a string of carriages a mile long crossing the Aqueduct bridge on this route, every other vehicle containing a sober looking, mature man with a Grand Army badge on his coat. On the way to Arlington is a deep, narrow valley, through which a little stream runs, and where the trees and verdure are almost tropical in their luxuriousness. When the carriage enters this valley a welcome current of cold air, like that which comes from a well filled refrigerator, is encountered. Here the summer sun never penetrates, and here the refreshing coolness, and the springs which everywhere gush from the ground old to tarry.

Scores of pretty drives like these are to ils home, and she is perfectly happy. She and her husband are still the lovers they be found in the environs of this favored city, and the pretty department girl knows were when married. At first Indianapolis every one of them. ROBERT GRAVES.

> Shortage in the Fruit Crop. The frost which descended on the fruit growing districts from Florida to Maine in the middle of last March seems to have
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> Artificial Ice. done immense damago. Peaches are said to have suffered more than any other fruit, but practically almost every kind grown in the eastern, southern and northern states, says The New York Times, has been so disastrously affected by the frost that the crop is little better than a com-plete failure. Pears, apples, plums and cherries will be scarce, dear, and not good in any way. Watermelons are not and will not be plentiful, and cantaleups and other melons are and will be very scarce. The one fruit which seems to have escaped the general visitation entirely is the grape. The crop of that delicious fruit was never better than it promises to be this year, and dealers say that before very long such an amount of grapes and such good ones will be on the market here as have been rarely

Turbulent Times in Morocco. Sultan Muley Hassan of Morocco has not been fortunate of late in his relations with some of his turbulent vassals. During the last couple of years he has been on a perpetual warpath, seeking to "chastise" rebellious tribes, who have not infrequently managed to turn the tables on their liege lord. It is not many months since the Sherectian army was broken up by the Beni M'Guild, and the sultan himself had to fig for his life. Another reverse has just been suffered by the imperial forces near Salee, by the Zemmour tribe with great alsughter. So little is known of the interior of Morocco that it is difficult to gauge with accuracy the impertance of these events. Prance, Italy and Spain are each and all hungering for an opportunity, and it only wants some proof of the sultan's incapacity to keep his house in order to justify what is emphemistically called an "intervention"

A hardened bachelor thus replied to the criticisms of some friends who upbraided him for not taking a wife: "You certainly could not expect me to marry a woman who'd be foolish enough to have me."-

Saved a Casket. "It was horrible! He died in the bath

What did they do?" "Buried him just as he died. It was a perfect fit."—New York Herald.

No Cause for Thanks.

"Did you give the captain a rote of "No. Why should wet He didn't run us into an leeberg or strike Fastnet."-Chatter.

Perhaps He Does. "Ruskin admires the man who sings at his work." "Then he ought to admire a professional

They Go It Blind. She-How do you mauage to think among all the noise in the Stock Exchange! Sie-We don't think -linningett's.

benor."-Munsey's Weekly.

which is so popular among the young peo-ple of the neighborhood. Many visitors stop to see this tree habitation in the midst of civilization, and Master Haywood smiles to himself and reflects that he is not as big a crank as folks think him. Another road out to the country house which the Clevelands made famous lies

through old Georgetown, the quaint vil-

Defore they got Sapolio.
the proverb ran-The pan says to the pot, Keep off or you'll smutch me.

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Deaths in Lendon Streets.

London is full of Fulton streets and Broadways, and at them and in all the other streets the cabs and hansoms fly about in such a hot and apparently reckless way that I always felt while I was there that the only reason I did not read of a hundred thousand "runover" accidents every morning in the papers was that it would be doing violence to the organic principles of the London press to print the news. I confess I was more than half afraid to cross the crowded streets, and with a fear which is engendered in New York in few places and on few occasions. I was assured by the citizens that they are all so accustomed to project their coat tails at right angles to their bodies, and to invoke divine aid between the flying hoofs of borses whenever they need to cross a street, that they are as adept at it as an American light-

ning rod man is at dodging missiles. Yet I observed that Dickens in his Dictionary of London" thinks it worth while to suggest that the only way to go from curb to curb is to make up your mind what course you will take and then stick to it, because then the London cabbies will divine your intentions. To change your mind while en route is to confuse the cabmen, and cause you to make your return journey to America in the form of freight. Then again I found that in the western end of the strand-that is, down by Temple Bar and the law courts-200 more or less mangled bodies are sent to the Charing Crosshospital every year.—Julian Ralph in Harper's Weekly.

A Barber's Funny Breaks.

"Yes," said the proprietor of an up town barber shop, "Jim was a good workman, but I had to get rid of him." "What was the trouble?"

"He was too absent minded and for getful. One old fellow with a head like a billiard ball he never failed to ask if he didn't want a shampoo. Another bald headed old chap got mad because Jim insisted upon sellin him a bottle of 'elixir' that was warranted to keep the hair from fallin' out, an' a young man fell asleep in the chair an' Jim shaved off his mustache. I had to call a policeman then. He cut one man's ear nearly off while watching a dog, fight in the street, an' sometimes he would rub hair oil all over a customer's face instead of his head, an' fill his ears full of lather and forget to wipe it out. Jim didn't mean nothin' wrong, but as I said he was absent minded. You remember when old Deacon Jones died?"

"Well, the family sent for a barber t shave him, an' I told Jim to go up. It] was that job that lost him his cituation. found fault with Jim's work but when found fault with Jim's work but when found fault with Jim's work but when but when but when found fault with Jim's work but when pulled the towel off the poor old deacon he turned 'round an' shouted 'Next!' so that people heard him a block away. So I told Jim that I guessed I'd have to let

Ice made by these machines is the nearest to being absolutely pure of any used. It is made of water condensed from steam, which is poured into large galvanized cans. These cans are set in a brine bath chilled far below freezing point by coils of pipes, through which anhydrons ammoniacal gas is forced by powerful pumps. The water in the cans s congealed into ice by the same power, cold, that converts the water of a creek lake or pond into a frigid substance There is a theory that water purifies itself in freezing, but it is true to a very limited extent. No cold, no matter how intense it may be, will purify water containing decayed animal or vegetable matter. The makers of ice machines claim that they can make ice at a cost of less than \$1.25 a ten, but this is doubt- Everything Kept in a Firstclass Drug Store less far too low. The time is fast approaching when ice making machinery will be simplified and cheapened, and then it will couse into much more general use. The great need in this respect at present is a safe machine, reasonable in cost, which will be small enough for use in residences.-New York World.

One of Washington's Widows. corps of legislative quorum breakers who s credited with more influence than has ever been exercised over public men by remarkable intellectual force and is very highly connected. For a number of years she has occupied a position in one of the departments and has gone into society to a considerable extent. She has a matchless wit and the subtlety of a serpent, and is altegether such a brilliant woman that her somety is sought by many of the most distinguished men in public life. Many more beautiful women in society find themselves deserted by the gentlemen when she appears to charm them with her wit, and it may not be surprising that a member should prefer a chat with her to listening to a roll call in the hense. So popular is she that she sometimes seems to be holding a reception at her office, callers coming in one after another.—Cor. Philadelphia Telegraph.

The Other Thing. Razale-Did you get that suit made to

order? Danzle-Yes Razzlo-You would have done better had you got it made to fit -New York Heraid Do a General Banking, Collecting

A Momentary Triumph. Judge-This gentleman can identify the watch because his initials are scratched on the inside of the case.

Prisoner—No, he can't; I scratched them

off.-Clothier and Furnisher.



Mrs. Broughne-George, dear, why is the cean blue?
Mr. Brengime-Because it has to emrace so many objectionable people.-Life.

Not the Proper Season "It wouldn't be fashiousble, don't von know?" said the sweet summer girl, "out

'How! It is always fashionable to clope, aid the despondent lover.
"Oh, no! This is the season of the cante

And the lover brightened and thanked is stars.-New York Herald.



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